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1. IN ITS CONCERTED EFFORT TO COMPLY WITH BOTH THE SPIRIT AND LETTER OF THE DEPARTMENT'S QUIDELINES FOR CONDUCTED PRISONER VISITATION PROGRAM, BOTH EMBASSY AND CONSTITUENT POSTS CONSULAR OFFICERS HAVE, IN THE PAST FOUR TO SIX WEEKS, VISITED 28 OF THE 32 MEXICAN PENAL INSTITUTIONS IN WHICH AMERICAN CITIZENS ARE KNOWN TO BE INCARCERATED. THE PRISONS AND THE DATES ON WHICH EACH WAS VISITED ARE AS FOLLOWS:

CONSULAR

DISTRICT PRISON DATE VISIT

NUEVO LAREDO LALOMA 30 APR. '75

GUADALAJARA ZACATECAS 3 APR. '75

GUANAJUATO 7 MAY '75

GUADALAJARA 7 MAY '75

MORELIA 9 MAY '75

HERMOSILLO HERMOSILLO 29 APR. '75

NOGALES 28 APR. '75

SAN LUIS RIO COLORADO NOT VISITED

CIUDAD OBREGON 7 MAY '75

NAVOJOA 7 MAY '75

MATAMOROS MATAMOROS 6 MAY '75

REYNOSA 23 APR. '75

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MERIDA MERIDA 6 MAY '75
COZUMEL 24 APR '75

MONTERREY MONTERREY 23 APR. '75

PIEDRAS NEGRAS 17 APR. '75

SALITILLO 2 APR. '75

PARRAS 24 APR. '75

DURANGO 4 APR. '75

TORREON 3 APR. '75

SAN LUIS POTOSI 17 APR. '75

CIUDAD VICTORIA NOV. '74

TIJUANA LA MESA 25 APR. '75

ENSENADA 1 APR. '75

LA PAZ 16 APR. '75

MEXICALI 24 APR. '75

CIUDAD JUAREZ JUAREZ 7 MAY '75

CHIHUAHUA 7 MAY '75

MAZATLAN LOS MOCHIS (SINALOA) NOT VISITED.

TEPIC (NEGARIT) NOT VISITED

CULIACAN 8 APR. '75

MAZATLAN 6 MAY '75

2. CIUDAD VICTORIA PRISON, IN THE MONTERREY CONSULAR DISTRICT, HAS NOT BEEN VISITED SINCE NOVEMBER 1974.

THE ONLY AMCIT PRISONER, ROBERT MALVAIS, SERVING 15 YEAR SENTENCE FOR HOMICIDE, HAS REQUESTED THAT HE NOT BE REGARDED AS AMERICAN CITIZEN OR VISITED.

3. SAN LUIS RIO COLORADO PRISON, IN HERMOSILLO DISTRICT, HAS NOT BEEN VISITED RECENTLY, BUT WILL BE

4. LOS MOCHIS AND TEPIC PRISONS (ONE AND FIVE PRISONERS RESPECTIVELY), IN MAZATLAN CONSULAR DISTRICT, HAVE NOT BEEN VISITED LAST SIX MONTHS DUE WORKLOAD AND FACT PRINCIPAL OFFICER ALONE PART OF TIME. VISITS TO BOTH PRISONS PLANNED NEXT MONTH.

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5. ALTHOUGH OUR GOAL IS TO VISIT EACH PRISON ON ONCE-A-MONTH SCHEDULE, SOME PRISONS ARE ACTUALLY VISITED MUCH MORE FREQUENTLY. FOR EXAMPLE, MATAMOROS IS VISITED AT LEAST TWICE WEEK AND DAILY CONTACT IS MADE BY TELEPHONE; MONTERREY AT LEAST WEEKLY; TIJUANA ALMOST DAILY; NOGALES SOMETIMES TWICE MONTH; CIUDAD JUAREZ AT LEAST ONCE AND SOMETIMES 2-3 TIMES A WEEK. THE MORE DIFFICULT TASK IS VISITING OUTLYING PRISONS WHICH ARE

FROM 300 TO 1,000 MILES DISTANCE FROM CONSULATED AND
FOR WHICH ONE TO THREE FULL DAYS NEEDED, INCLUDING TRAVEL
TIME ON NOW-AND-THEN MEXICAN AIRLINE SCHEDULES. LIMITED
STAFFS AT SMALL POSTS, TURNOVER IN STAFF AT MOST POSTS,
AND BURGEONING INCREASES IN WORKLOADS EVERYWHERE HAVE
COMPLICATED TASK. NEVERTHELESS, IMPORTANT INCREASES IN
TRAVEL FUNDS FOR PRISON VISITS HAVE BEEN AUTHORIZED AND
EVERY EFFORT IS BEING MADE TO GIVE HIGHEST PRIORITY TO
USING AVAILABLE MANPOWER RESOURCES TO THE FULLEST TO
INSURE PROTECTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS OF THE AMCIT PRISONERS
IN QUESTION.

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